

Policy for CIA

8 May 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

This memorandum is for information only:

I called Mr. Townsend of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce at Col. White's request.

There will be no taping for radio of your talk tonight at the Chamber of Commerce dinner. Mr. Townsend understood that an informal, neighborly talk might be less effective if the speaker had to think a recording was being made of his remarks.

Mr. Townsend said he finds some -- not much -- feeling is current that a "Pentagon-type" building will be erected that will mar the landscape and change the rural character of Langley. He hopes you will dispel this idea. He knows it is false. What you told the hearings in Congress shows the building will not mar the landscape, etc., and he hopes you will give some firm utterance to this.

Colonel White asked me to remind you that the dress for those at the head (speaker's) table is black tie and white jacket.

Mary Lou Werner, of the STAR, who broke the original story of CIA going to Langley, called to say she will be at tonight's dinner "taking notes" of your talk.

Thought you'd like to compliment her on her exclusive if you met her. She got the original story from the Fairfax County officials. Ben McKelway, editor of STAR, calls her a "good newspaperman". She has been "pro CIA" in her writing, in contrast to Bob Albrook, of POST, who has been "anti" only re Langley site.

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